# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA NORTHERN DIVISION

HESTER,	)	
Plaintiffs,	)	
v.	)	CIVIL ACTION NO.:
	)	CV-06-572-WHA
LOWNDES COUNTY COMMISSION,	)	
CHRISTOPHER BROWN,	)	
EMERGYSTAT, DEPUTY JIMMY	)	
HARRIS, et al.,	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	

### ANSWER

COME NOW, the defendants, Emergystat, Inc. and Christopher Brown, and for Answer to Plaintiffs' Complaint, state as follows:

- As to Paragraph 1, these defendants are without sufficient information to admit or 1. deny the allegations and therefore deny the same.
- 2. As to Paragraph 2, these defendants are without sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations and therefore deny the same.
- 3. These defendants admit that Christopher Brown was a resident of the state of Alabama and a paramedic for Emergystat. As to the remaining allegations of Paragraph 3, these defendants deny these allegations.
  - 4. These defendants admit Paragraph 4.
- 5. As to Paragraph 5, these defendants are without sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations and therefore deny the same.

- 6. As to Paragraph 6, these defendants are without sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations and therefore deny the same.
- 7. As to Paragraph 7, these defendants are without sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations and therefore deny the same.
  - 8. These defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 8.
  - 9. These defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 9.
  - 10. These defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 10.
  - 11. These defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 11.
  - 12. These defendants admit the allegations of Paragraph 12.
  - 13. These defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 13.
  - 14. These defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 14.
- 15. As to paragraph 15, these defendants are without sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations and therefore deny the same.
  - 16. These defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 16.
- 17. As to Paragraph 17, these defendants are without sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations and therefore deny the same.
  - 18. These defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 18.
  - 19. These defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 19.
- 20. The allegations of Paragraphs 20-21 have been dismissed and require no response.

  These defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 20.
  - 21. These defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 21.
- 22. The allegations of Paragraphs 22-26 have been dismissed and require no response. These defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 22.

- 23. As to Paragraph 23, these defendants are without sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations and therefore deny the same.
  - 24. These defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 24.
- 25. As to Paragraph 25, these defendants are without sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations and therefore deny the same.
  - 26. These defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 26.

## **DEFENSES**

### FIRST DEFENSE

These defendants plead the general issue and say that they are not guilty of the matters alleged in the Complaint.

## **SECOND DEFENSE**

These defendants plead the general issue and say that the allegations of the Complaint are not true.

## **THIRD DEFENSE**

These defendants say that the Complaint fails to state a claim against these defendants upon which relief can be granted.

#### FOURTH DEFENSE

These defendants say that the incident complained of was proximately caused by a new, independent, and intervening efficient cause, and not by these defendants.

#### **FIFTH DEFENSE**

As to the Complaint, these defendants deny each and every material allegation of the Plaintiffs' Complaint and specifically deny that the plaintiffs are entitled to recover damages from these defendants.

### **SIXTH DEFENSE**

These defendants aver that there is no causal relationship between any act of these defendants and the injury alleged in the Complaint.

## **SEVENTH DEFENSE**

These defendants plead contributory negligence of the plaintiffs.

## **EIGHTH DEFENSE**

These defendants plead that the plaintiffs assumed the risk of the injury and/or damage alleged.

## **NINTH DEFENSE**

These defendants plead that they did not breach any duty owed to the plaintiffs.

Respectfully submitted,

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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2006, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system which will send notification of such filing to the following:

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